

GLAD EASTER IS HERE

The Season of Sackcloth and Ashes Is at an End.

ALL AGLOW WITH NEW LIFE

Now the Belles Don Their Most Stunning Gowns.

SOME EARLY EASTER CUSTOMS

Colored Eggs Are Now in Season—They Symbolize Renewed Life.

Sunday of joy! Dominica paschalis. The joyous awakening of nature from the death of winter becomes joy at the rising of the Son of Righteousness; at the resurrection of Christ from the grave.

All the earth is aglow with new life. The bursting of the buds, the caroling of the birds are nature's greetings to our risen Lord!

The festival has been traced back to the most primitive time, and probably derives its name from Eostre, a Saxon goddess. The return of this anniversary were originally regulated by the calendar of Julius, in which the months were conformable with the revolutions of the moon.

The resurrection took place just after the Jewish feast of the Passover, which was held on the 15th day of Nisan, the first month of the year. In ancient times the people celebrated each other with the Easter eggs and the confirmation. Suetonius tells us that the custom of the reply was very ancient and is still retained in the Greek church.

Many of the popular observances connected with Easter are of pagan origin. In Russia, when excommunications were excommunicated, red eggs were given, and colored birds were shown, emblematic of the life of the people, as the birds were the first to be resurrected by the Easter sun.

Courts of justice were closed, and all business suspended on the day. Pardon was also given to the slaves at that time, and the people generally gave themselves up to merriment. In the east, the day is still known as the "White Day."

The ancient church has been quoted as having been given by great Eastern powers, or Easter candles, sometimes weighing seven hundred pounds.

One of the most popular customs which has been handed down to us is the use of the Easter egg, a symbol of new life.

Suetonius says it was customary among the Romans to distribute red eggs at their spring festival.

In Germany, instead of the Easter egg, is presented a piglet, in which form the people are holding a basket where to lay their eggs.

In Vienna the Easter egg is composed of silver, mother-of-pearl, or ivory, and filled with essences.

Formerly the Easter eggs were made of wood, and the people used to carry them about, and if they were broken, it was a bad omen.

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Seen and Heard in Gotham

One of the features of the cosmopolitan character of New York is to be found in its various colonies of men who are bent on upsetting some special foreign government. The recent affair with Spain grew out of this fact, as other troubles in the past have and as others in the future will. The Spanish and Cuban element, to say nothing of the representatives of South American republics, all have a strong representation in New York, and they are continually hatching schemes of a revolutionary character.

Many of these have anything but patriotic at the bottom of their schemes. Some of them are agents for houses willing to sell second-hand arms to revolutionary leaders. Others own sheets published in the interests of these revolutions, others are busy with foreign correspondence, and yet others are busy with the most intricate of all, the work of a spy.

These men will take almost any chance, relying upon a shrewdness of the American flag to carry them through. New York newspaper reporters, when times are dull, can almost always stir up a Cuban or some other revolution by visiting the headquarters of the self-confessed revolutionists. Formerly it was Irish societies, such as the Clan-na-Gael and others, that were supposed to be continually plotting against England and Scotland. Now it is the Irish, the Scotch, the English, the French, the German, the Italian, the Spanish, the Cuban, and the South American.

There are few men in New York city who have attracted more attention recently than Nikola Tesla, the young Serbian, who has come down to earth the following in a general way, and is developing electrical possibilities. Recently this young man has had the work of his brain covering years destroyed by fire. He valued it, in view of the prospective income, at \$100,000. His plans, his models, all his effects were burned. He may carry his plans still in his brain, but of this he is doubtful, and he is now working to reconstruct his plans. He is not without friends, but he is not without enemies. He is a man of great energy and a man of great ambition. He is a man of great energy and a man of great ambition.

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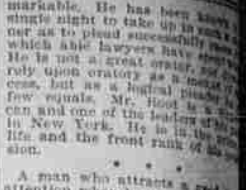
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WILLIAM C. WHITNEY.

at Albany, when the now

was governor of New York.

He holds a high position in

in his country, that many a

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One of New York's most

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